

## **Hurricane Odile Emergency Message September 18**

The Department of State recommends that U.S. citizens affected by Hurricane Odile in Baja California Sur should proceed to San José del Cabo airport as soon as possible, if able to do so. Travel during daylight hours is recommended.

The Department of State is working with U.S. and Mexican carriers to arrange flights for U.S. citizens departing from San José del Cabo (SJD) airport on Thursday, September 18. Other flights MAY be departing from the airport in La Paz (LAP). The Department of State urges U.S. citizens still in Cabo San Lucas to avail themselves of this opportunity. Passengers should be prepared to wait until they are able to depart. Many U.S. and Mexican commercial flights are departing this airport. In addition, the U.S. State Department has chartered flights. By law, these flights will be provided on a reimbursable basis, and passengers will be required to sign a promissory note. No passenger will be turned away due to lack of funds.

U.S. consular personnel are in affected areas in the Baja California peninsula to provide consular assistance to stranded citizens.

The U.S. Consulate in Tijuana advises against land travel between southern Baja and northern Baja Peninsula because of damage to the Trans-Peninsular Highway.

### **For U.S. citizens affected by Hurricane Odile, or their relatives:**

The State Department has established a crisis hotline to respond to inquiries about current conditions and loved ones in the impacted area. If you require assistance personally, or wish to inquire on behalf of a friend or family member, please use the following contact information:

From the U.S. & Canada: 1-888-407-4747

From Overseas: 1 202-501-4444

Email: [OdileEmergencyUSC@state.gov](mailto:OdileEmergencyUSC@state.gov)

### **General Preparation and Guidance**

U.S. citizens are advised to monitor local media for updates or possible changes to the potentially violent weather conditions and to follow any instructions/warnings issued by the Mexican government. Preparations to protect life and property should be considered. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents (i.e. U.S. passport book or passport card) with them at all times or secure them by placing them in a safe, waterproof location. If you must travel during this time, please take reasonable precautions such as avoiding entering swiftly moving water. Drivers should remain vigilant for landslides.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Mexico enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) on the [State Department's website](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#), where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Mexico), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for [Mexico](#). For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call [1-888-407-4747](#) toll-free in the United States and Canada or [1-202-501-4444](#) from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Consulate in Tijuana is located at Paseo de Las Culturas y Camino al Aeropuerto, Mesa de Otay, Delegación Centenario, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico 22425, and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., telephone (664) 977-2000. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy/Consulate is (619) 692-2154** (dialing from the U.S. 011-52 + phone number); E-mail: [ACSTijuana@state.gov](mailto:ACSTijuana@state.gov).

The U.S. Consular Agency in Los Cabos is located at the Shoppes at Palmilla local 221-B, Carretera Transpeninsular Km 27.5, San José del Cabo, Baja California Sur, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., telephone (624) 143-3556. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy/Consulate is (619) 692-2154** (dialing from the U.S. 011-52 + phone number).